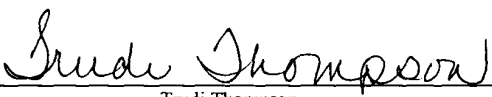


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CONTINUATION APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

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Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation/divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(b), of pending prior application:

Serial No.: 09/876,572
Filed on: June 7, 2001
Entitled: PROCESS FOR THE MODIFICATION OF ELASTOMERS WITH
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ELASTOMERS FORMED THEREFROM
Inventors: Yading Wang, Robert van Boxtel, Stephen Q. Zhou

1. ☒ Enclosed is a copy of the latest inventor-signed specification of the prior application, including the oath or declaration as originally filed. I hereby verify that the papers are a true copy of the latest signed specification of the prior application number 09/876,572 filed June 7, 2001 and further that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are made punishable by fine or imprisonment,

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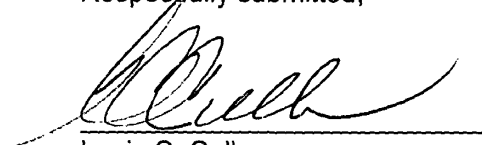
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